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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Opening of the Conference

The Conference will be opened by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative on 5 April 1994.

Item 3: Adoption of the rules of procedure

The provisional rules of procedure, prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat, are contained in document TD/RUBBER.3/2.

Item 4: Election of officers

Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the Conference shall elect a President and two Vice-Presidents. The Conference may elect the President from among the representatives, or it may elect as its President a person other than a representative of a participant. It is proposed that the Vice-Presidents should be elected, one from among the representatives of exporters, and one from among the representatives of importers.

Item 5: Credentials of representatives

Rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, if possible not later than 24 hours after the opening of the Conference.
Rule 4 provides that a Credentials Committee, consisting of five members appointed by the Conference on the proposal of the President, shall examine the credentials of representatives.

Item 6: Admission of observers

Observers will be admitted to the Conference in accordance with rules 52 and 53 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Item 7: Establishment of an Executive Committee and of other committees as required

Rule 47 provides that the Conference may establish such committees, subcommittees and working parties as may be necessary for the work of the Conference. It is proposed that the Conference should establish an Executive Committee of the whole to deal with items 8 and 9 of the provisional agenda in closed session. It is further proposed that the Executive Committee should in turn establish a legal drafting committee. The Executive Committee may also wish to establish an economic committee and an administrative committee. These committees would be empowered to set up such subcommittees or working parties as they deem necessary.

Item 8: Renegotiation of the International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1987

According to the resolution adopted by the International Natural Rubber Council on 30 November 1993, the Executive Director of the International Natural Rubber Organization (INRO) was requested to prepare a working document for the Conference incorporating proposals from the exporting and importing countries and the secretariat of INRO. In his letter of 1 December 1993, the Executive Director informed the Secretary-General of UNCTAD that the working document will be transmitted to him by early March 1994. The working document will be before the Conference in TD/RUBBER.3/R.1. A note on the historical development, status and operation of the International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1987 has been prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat in cooperation with the secretariat of INRO and will be available to the Conference in TD/RUBBER.3/3.